STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
Watertown Public Opinion		10/02/01
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
Daily except Sun.	310	$104.40 - Wtn. $95.60 - Mail

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)

120 NW 3rd Ave., Watertown, SD Codington County 57201

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)

Same

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:

Steven W. Lowrie, 982 South Lake Dr., Watertown, SD 57201

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FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Watertown Public Opinion Co.,	P.O. Box 10, Watertown, SD 57102

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A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	14,435	14,267
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	9,749	9,767
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	3,604	3,450
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	13,353	13,217
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E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	13,517	13,371
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2. Return from News Agents	325	306
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	14,435	14,267

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Publisher

State of South Dakota)

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County of Codington)

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Notary Public

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